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SUBJ: ROMANIA AND NON-ALIGNED

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1. ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV EMBOFF,
ROMANIA'S CHANCES OF OBTAINING OBSERVER STATUS AMONG NON-
ALIGNED ARE NOT ALL THAT MUCH BETTER THAN
IN 1973 (WHEN ROMANIA WAS REBUFFED). HOWEVER,
YUGOSLAVS ARE SYMPATHETIC, AND ROMANIA NOW HAS "WIDER
FRIENDSHIPS" AMONG NON-ALIGNED.

2. CHIEF OBSTACLE IS INDIA, WHICH HAS RESISTED PRECEDENT
OF ADMITTING ANY MILITARY BLOC MEMBER LEST PAKISTAN
(UNDERDEVELOPED BUT A CENTO MEMBER) GET FOOT IN DOOR
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ROMANIAN DEPUTY FORMIN PACOSTE IS PLANNING TRIP SOON TO
NEW DELHI AND IGLOMBO TO MAKE GOR'S PITCH ANEW, SOURCE SAID.
YUGOSLAV ARGUMENT IS THAT ROMANIA'S PRESENCE AS OBSERVER
WOULD HELP PROMOTE NON-ALIGNED GOAL OF ERODING BLOCS; SOME
BLOC COUNTRIES ARE LESS ALIGNED THAN OTHERS, AND THIRD
WORLD SHOULD RECOGNIZE THIS DISTINCTION IN APPROPRIATE WAYS,
EVEN IF THE RULES ARE ADMITTANCE TO NON-ALIGNED
CONFABS MUST BE SLIGHTLY BENT. SOURCE ADDED THAT REGARDLESS OF
FATE OF GOR'S BID, INDIA WILL NEVER ACCEPT PAKISTAN'S
ADMITTANCE.

3. COMMENT: WHEN LAST CONTACTED ON TOPIC, INDIAN AMB
HERE UNFORTHCOMINGLY RECITED NON-ALIGNED MEMBERSHIP RULES
BUT ADDED NEW DELHI HAD NOT MADE FINAL DECISION ON
ROMANIA'S OBSERVERSHIP.
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